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For : ADSORBENT, ADSORPTION APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE ADSORPTION APPARATUS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 9, 2006 and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of the European Search Report dated January 18, 2008, with respect to corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 04745917.7, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) T. NORDSTRÖM et al., Journal of Biotechnology, Vol. 69, 1999, pp. 125-133;
- (2) M. WAKAMURA et al., Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects, Vol. 164, 2000, pp. 297-305;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,651,884 (ICHITSUKA et al.), issued July 29, 1997; and
- (4) L. ANDERSSON et al., Analytical Biochemistry, Vol. 154, 1986, pp. 250-254.

Copies of above-listed documents (with the exception of the U.S. Patent) and the European Search Report are enclosed together with a complete copy of the PTO-1449 Form

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listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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